

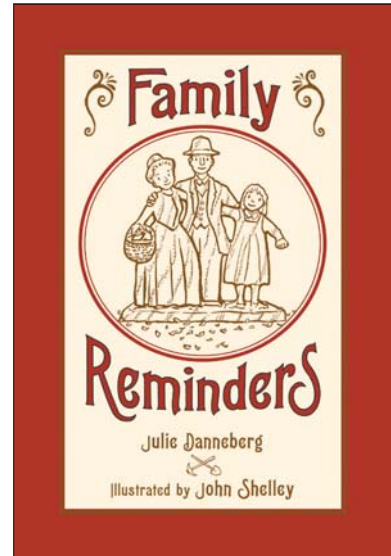


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Family Reminders

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Sometimes we all need a little reminder.

When the disaster siren from the mine rips through the air one late summer's day, Mary McHugh fears for her father's safety. Her worries are confirmed when she returns home that afternoon to find her mother sitting alone in the unlit kitchen. Mary's father was injured in the mining accident, and his leg must be amputated.

Her father returns home from the hospital deeply depressed. He no longer plays the piano or has interest in his favorite pastime, carving the intricate wooden "Reminders" that he has always made to remind the family of the milestones they shared together. Mary knows she must fight to keep the family together and restore her father's spirit.

Set in late 1800s Cripple Creek, Colorado, *Family Reminders* chronicles the hardships a family faces when confronted with disaster, and the strength it takes to start a new life.

Julie Danneberg is a teacher as well as the author of several children's books, including Cowboy Slim, First Year Letters and the best-selling First Day Jitters.

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